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FBI - New York

MEMORANDUM

17 March 1951

TO: Chief, FDW  
Att: C D  
FROM: Chief, FDP  
SUBJECT: Dr. Cornel Pope or Pop

1. The following information is immediately available on Cornel Pope or Pop. We have not yet run traces on subject.
2. Pope is president of Bencor, a package export agency in New York. Until recently he was able to monopolize the export of food and clothing packages to Romania through an arrangement made in 1946 or 1947 with Pamfil Ripoșanu when the latter was an official of the Romanian Legation in Washington.
3. Pope is a naturalized U.S. citizen. He once served as secretary-general of Resitza, the large metallurgical combine in the Romanian Banat that was at one time controlled by Max Ausnitt and earlier had been an object of rivalry between Ausnitt and Nicolae Malaxa.
4. At the present time Pope is reported to handle many of Malaxa's financial transactions. Malaxa, who has resided in New York City since 1946, and who is currently under investigation by the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
5. For your information, Pamfil Ripoșanu, mentioned in paragraph 2, above, is and has been for a long period an informer for the FBI.

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